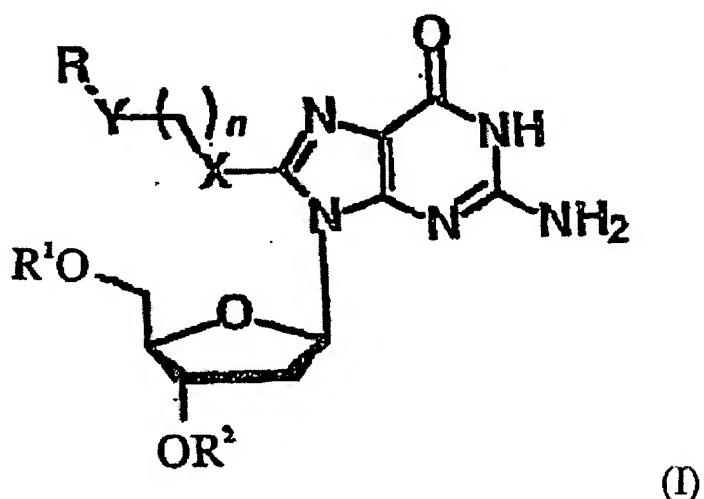


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A nucleoside, a nucleotide or an oligonucleotide, containing comprising:
a moiety represented by the following formula (I):



wherein X and Y independently each represent NH-; O-, NH, N(alkyl) or S;

wherein R represents a functional unit, color-fluorescing unit, a reporter unit or a biofunctional molecule;

wherein R¹ and R² independently each represent a hydrogen atom, a phosphate bonding group, a phosphoramidite group or a nucleotide; and

wherein n is 2 a number of 1 to 10.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The nucleoside, the nucleotide or the oligonucleotide according to claim 1, wherein R represents a color-fluorescing unit is a fluorescence residue.

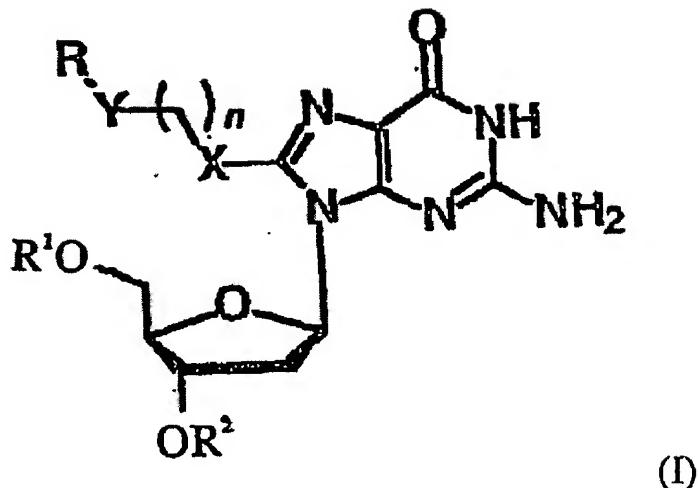
4. (Original) The oligonucleotide according to claim 1, wherein the oligonucleotide contains 10 to 100 bases.

5. (Previously Presented) The oligonucleotide according to claim 4, wherein the oligonucleotide is double-stranded and contains at least one base having an electron-donating group in a complementary chain.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of releasing [[the]] an R group moiety in [[the]] a nucleotide moiety, said method comprising:

oxidizing an oligonucleotide moiety,

wherein said oligonucleotide moiety is represented by the following formula (I):



wherein X and Y independently each represent NH; O, NH, N(alkyl) or S;
wherein R represents a functional unit, color-fluorescing unit, a reporter unit or a biofunctional molecule;

wherein R¹ and R² independently each represent a hydrogen atom, a phosphate bonding group, or a phosphoramidite group; and

wherein n is 2 a number of 1 to 10,

~~the method comprising oxidizing the oligonucleotide according to claim 1.~~

7. (Original) The method according to claim 6, wherein the oxidation is one-electron donation.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the oxidation is by photoirradiation.